



Fact Sheet

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U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL ALEXANDRIA

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton presided over a ceremony to re-open the U.S. Consulate General Alexandria on July 15, 2012. The new Alexandria Consulate General district covers 23 million Egyptians in eight governorates stretching along the Mediterranean coast from the Libyan border to Port Said and down into the Nile Delta. The Consulate General provides consular services for resident American citizens, commercial and political partnership opportunities, development assistance through USAID, cultural and educational programming, and military coordination within the following eight governorates in Egypt's North Coast and Delta region:

- Alexandria (capital city: Alexandria)
- Beheira (capital city: Damanhour)
- Matrouh (capital city: Marsa Matrouh)
- Kafr El Sheikh (capital city: Kafr El Sheikh)
- Dakahlia (capital city: Mansoura)
- Damietta (capital city: Damietta)
- Gharbia (capital city: Tanta)
- Port Said (capital city: Port Said)



E. Candace Putnam U.S. Consul General

Candace Putnam became Director of the American Presence Post in Alexandria, Egypt, in January of 2012. She was appointed Consul General after the upgrade of the American Presence Post to a U.S. Consulate General in July 2012.

A career U.S. Foreign Service Officer, her most recent postings include serving as Deputy Chief of Mission in Beirut, the Cyrus Vance Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, Consul General in Peshawar, Pakistan, and Political Counselor in Islamabad, Pakistan. She has also served in Rome, Baghdad, Beirut, Tunis, Ankara, Jerusalem, Abu Dhabi and Washington.

Prior to joining the State Department, she worked as Legislative Director for two Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Born to a Foreign Service family, she grew up in Iran, Cyprus, Greece and Lebanon. She received a B.A. in History from the University of Virginia, and an M.A. in International Politics from George Washington University.

Map of the Consular District



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Facts about the Consulate General

Does the U.S. Consulate General have a website?

Yes, the Consulate General's website is <http://alexandria.usconsulate.gov>. The Consulate General's Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/alexandria.usconsulate>.

Will visa services be offered at U.S. Consulate General Alexandria?

We provide American Citizen Services to the approximately 9,000 Americans resident in the district; however, the U.S. Consulate General in Alexandria does not offer visa services. To apply for a visa to the United States, applicants must make an appointment with the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in Cairo.

What are the services and opening hours of the U.S. Consulate General?

The Information Resource Center of the U.S. Consulate General is open every Sunday-Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm. American Citizen Services are available by appointment only on two days every month. Please go to the website to make an appointment.

Where is the U.S. Consulate General located?

The Consulate General is located at 3 Pharaana Street in Azarita, Alexandria.

What is the history of the United States' relationship with the city of Alexandria?

The U.S.-Egyptian diplomatic relationship began with the signing of a treaty, May 7, 1830, giving the United States of America capitulatory privileges on a most-favored-nation basis throughout the Ottoman Empire, including Egypt. An American consular office was established five years later with John Gliddon, an English businessman resident in Alexandria, appointed to head it. Trade with the port of Alexandria was “at last commencing,” Gliddon enthusiastically reported on August 28, 1835, when two American vessels arrived from Boston with cargo. Demand for Egyptian cotton soared in the 1860s when the U.S.—embroiled in its bitter Civil War—could no longer meet world demand.

The Consulate General served the Alexandria community for a total of 158 years. However, it became apparent in the 1990's that shortages in the federal budget would require its closure. The flag was lowered and the Consulate closed on September 30, 1993. Several years later, the old site of the U.S. Consulate was bought by the Government of Egypt and transformed into the Alexandria National Museum.

The American Center Alexandria continued to operate after the closure of the U.S. Consulate, offering public affairs programming, consular services for resident Americans, and business and political partnership opportunities to Egypt's North Coast and Delta region. Upon re-opening the U.S. Consulate General in Alexandria, the activities of the American Center Alexandria will be consolidated into the Consulate in the same building that housed the American Center on Pharaana Street.